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in the Neuruppin Area (*rocket launcher*)

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which gives information on the following: (1) A rocket launcher used in driving practices on the exercise ground at Trenckmann Strasse, (2) Departures of rocket launchers and ZIS-151's from the See Kaserne, (3) Departures of tracked-prime movers and ZIS-151's from the Friedrich-Franz-Kaserne, (4) Movements of T-54's, T-34/85's and ZIS-151's at the Panzer Kaserne, (5) Engineer training on the banks of the Wolchow See, and (6) Tank cars at Neuruppin airfield. A sketch of the rocket launcher referred to in (1) is also included.

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SEE KASERNE (BS 2203)

1. On 24 May 58 at 1100 hours driving practice was in progress on the exercise ground at Trenckmann Strasse [] with an R.L. described as follows:

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- (a) Tracked with 4 pairs of bogey wheels & 4 guide rollers.
- (b) Driver's cabin with two windows.
- (c) A steel plate on the roof of the cabin to fold down over the windscreen.
- (d) No seats under the launching rails.
- (e) Launching rails set on a round traversable base.
- (f) Two tiers of three launching rails.
- (g) Launching rails measured roughly 1-1.2 m. long and 20-25 cms. diameter, with four guide rings per rail.

2. On 29 May 58 at 1000 hours the following vehicles left the See Kaserne and drove towards the centre of the town:

- (a) One R.L. as described above.
- (b) One R.L. on ZIS-151 chassis, with long launching rails and three seats on either side and underneath the rails.
- (c) One R.L. on ZIS-151 chassis, with short launcher tubes.

3. The R.L.s were followed at intervals, up to 1200 hours, by roughly 12 x ZIS-151 open trucks loaded with workshop equipment such as lathes and anvils, petrol drums and wooden boxes.

4. FRIEDRICH-FRANZ-KASERNE (BS 2201)

On 12 Jun 58 at 1100 hours the following vehicles left the barracks, driving in the direction of GENTZRODE:

- (a) 1 x TPM, M-50, with W/T aerial and operator in back.
- (b) 11 x TPM, M-50's, each towing an 85 mm. A.A.
- (c) 1 x ZIS-151 with 2-axled radar trailer, covered over with canvas.
- (d) 2 x ZIS-151 workshop trucks.

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5. PANZER KASERNE (BS 2205)

On 2 Jun 58 at 1600 hours, 6 x T-54 drove from the barracks to the main station of NEURUPPIN. The tanks were loaded on to flats attached to a civil goods train that left in the direction of WITTSTOCK.

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6. On 8 Jun 58 at 1800 hours a column of vehicles coming from the direction of BASDORF drove into the barracks, made up as follows:

- (a) 10 x ZIS-151, loaded with petrol drums, cases and troops.
- (b) 8 x T-54.
- (c) 5 x T34/85.

PIONIER TRAINING

7. On 16 May 58 at 1100 hours bridging equipment was being off-loaded on the banks of the WOLCHOW See. 30-40 troops (black/blue sbds.) were off-loading planking, posts, etc. from 12 x ZIS-151. A crane stood nearby.

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8. A man swam across to the east bank (distance approximately 30 m.) with a rope which he secured to a tree. The man wore grey-green water-proof trousers covering the feet and reaching to under the armpits. The trousers were secured by shoulder-straps. The man used an inflated inner tube (motor cycle) and paddled himself across by means of a small wooden paddle.

9. On 12 and 13 Jun 58, 28-30 metal pontoons were moored to the west bank of the ALTRUPPNER Schleuse. They were all decked, some having open manholes in the deck and others being completely closed in. Russian guards patrolled the banks (they wore black/blue sbds.). No bridge building took place on these two days.

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AIRFIELD NEURUPPIN

10. On 3 Jun 58 at 1830 hours, 3 x cistern were shunted on to the airfield siding from the main station at NEURUPPIN.

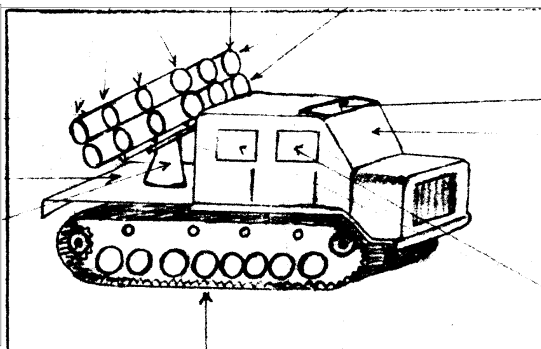
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